# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4159
ANSWERED ON:12.08.2002
NATIONAL HIGHWAY NO.3
ASHOK ARGAL

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware about collapse of the overbridge being constructed under the conversion of the Agra-Mumbai National Highway-3 into Express Highway near Morena;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any inquiry into the matter;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) the action taken against the company which has been given the contract for the construction of the bridge;

(f) whether there is a provision to cancel the contract;

(g) if so, the time by which the contract is likely to be cancelled; and
(h) the losses incurred as a result thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The four-laning from Km. 70.00 to Km. 85.00 of Agra-Mumbai section of National Highway 3 in the State of Madhya Pradesh is under implementation by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).The bridge on Asan river in Km. 85.00 near Morena is part of this project. Sub-structure for this bridge has been completed and the superstructure is being done. While casting, one span, collapsed on 25th June, 2002 before pre-stressing.

(c) & (d) NHAI has constituted an Expert Team to enquire into the matter. The report is awaited.

(e) It is premature to take action.

(f) Yes, Sir. In the contract agreement there is a provision for termination of the contract on account of non-fulfillment of obligations by the contractor.

(g) & (h) It is too early to give the details.